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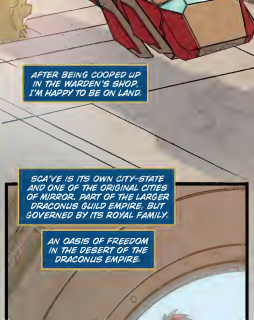






**THE FREE CITY
OF SCA'VE.**





AFTER BEING COOPED UP
IN THE WARDEN'S SHOP,
I'M HAPPY TO BE ON LAND.

SCA'VE IS ITS OWN CITY-STATE
AND ONE OF THE ORIGINAL CITIES
OF MIRROR. PART OF THE LARGER
DRACONUS GUILD EMPIRE, BUT
GOVERNED BY ITS ROYAL FAMILY.

AN OASIS OF FREEDOM
IN THE DESERT OF THE
DRACONUS EMPIRE.





LEGEND HAS IT, THE ANCIENTS SUMMONED THE CITY FROM THE FOREST ITSELF. THEY SAY THE SPIRIT OF THE FOREST LIVES WITHIN THE VERY WALLS OF THE REALM, CONSTANTLY GROWING AND EXPANDING. THE CITY IS ALIVE. THE FOREST SPIRIT CHOSE THE CAINUS TRIBE AS PROTECTORS OF SCA'VE. THAT'S HOW THE ROYAL FAMILY OF CAINUS WAS BORN--CHOSEN BY A TREE, IF YOU BELIEVE IN THAT SORT OF THING.

IT'S
BEAUTIFUL
HERE.





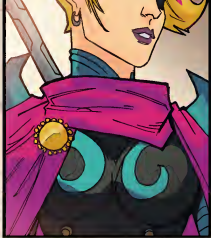
I'VE
HEARD MANY
DESCRIPTIONS
OF SCA' VE, THEY
DO NOT DO IT
JUSTICE.





IT'S A MAGICAL
PLACE. I WAS
STATIONED HERE
IN THE PRIMAL
WARS.







A comic panel showing two characters in conversation. The character on the left has red hair, and the character on the right has blonde hair with purple highlights. They are standing under a large, brown, arched structure, possibly a bridge or a tunnel, with a light blue sky visible in the background. The character on the left is asking a question, and the character on the right is responding.

DO
YOU HAVE
FRIENDS
HERE?

I
HAVE ONE.
SOMEONE...
SPECIAL.



HOW
COME YOU'VE
NEVER TOLD ME
ABOUT THIS?

TRUE
WARRIORS DON'T
TALK ABOUT THEM-
SELVES. THEY LET
THE DEFEATED TELL
THEIR STORY.



HALT!

I AM PRINCESS
CARRUS, MASTER
AT ARMS OF SCA' VE
OF THE CANIUS
EMPIRE. STATE YOUR
BUSINESS.





WHY
CAN'T IT
EVER BE
EASY?



RELAX.
I'LL HANDLE
THIS.

I AM
D'CLO MARA.
WE ARE HERE TO
FIND A NEW SHIP. WE
DON'T PLAN TO STAY
MORE THAN A
FEW DAYS.

PERHAPS WE
COULD SPEAK
WITH THE KING?
WE ARE OLD

WE ARE OLD
FRIENDS.



I KNOW
WHO YOU ARE,
D'CLO MARA. I
SPEAK FOR
THE KING.





YOU WILL
BE ESCORTED
TO THE PALACE
PRISON SO WE MAY
LEARN MORE OF
YOUR VISIT TO
SCA'VE.





SIGH
NOT ANOTHER
PRISON.

ONE THING I'VE LEARNED
FROM TRAVELLING WITH D'CLD
AND BEING ON THE OUTS WITH
THE DRACONUS GUILD--NOBODY
IS EVER HAPPY TO SEE YOU.





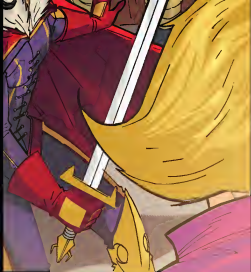
YOU CAN
COME QUIETLY,
OR I'LL BE HAPPY
TO SHOW YOU WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN YOU
TEST CAINUS
STEEL.





WHAT IS
THE *MEANING*
OF *THIS?!*





YOUR
MAJESTY...*FATHER*.
THIS IS THE INFAMOUS
D'CLO MARA. SHE AND
HER "*FRIENDS*" ARE
WANTED BY THE
DRACONUS!





IF MY
MEMORY SERVES,
I'VE BEEN HERE

SCA'VE IS A FREE
CITY OF THE CAINUS
EMPIRE. THE LAWS
OF THE DRACONUS
HOLD NO WEIGHT
HERE.





YOU
APPOINTED ME
MASTED ME ARMS

MASTER AT ARMS
OF SCA'VE. IT IS MY
DUTY TO PROTECT
THE KINGDOM AND
INSURE ITS LONG
TERM...





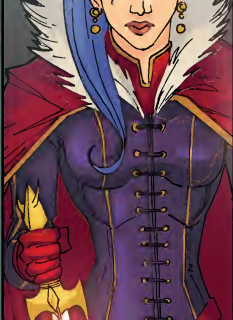
WE WILL
DISCUSS OUR
UNDERSTANDING
OF YOUR DUTIES
LATER!





AS YOU
WISH, MY
KING.









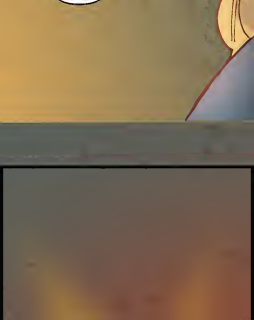
GUARDS!
FOLLOW ME. WE
ARE NO LONGER
NEEDED HERE.







D'CLO
MARA. IT'S
BEEN TOO
LONG.







IT'S
BEEN FAR
TOO LONG.
KING
MARGUS.





YOUR
ELVARIAN BLOOD
SERVES YOU WELL.
YOU ARE AS BEAUTIFUL
AS THE FIRST DAY WE
MET, WHILE I AM AN
OLD MAN.





AND
YOU ARE
MORE HANDSOME
THAN EVER. THE
THRONE SUITS
YOU.

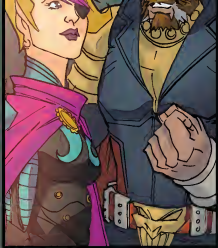


IT'S A HEAVY
BURDEN TO BEAR
IN THESE GREY TIMES.
I LONG FOR THE DAYS
WHEN YOUR ENEMIES
WERE CLEAR AND YOU
COULD SETTLE MATTERS
WITH A STRONG WILL
AND A POWERFUL
WEAPON.

SPOKEN
LIKE A TRUE
WARRIOR.

**HAR,
HAR!**





IS IT
ME OR DOES
THE KING HAVE
A THING FOR
ONE-EYE?

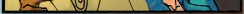
OBVIOUSLY.



SO
SHE'S INTO
YOUNGER GUYS?
DO YOU THINK I
MIGHT HAVE A
SHOT?

DOES IT
EVER GET TIRING
BEING SO
CLUELESS?



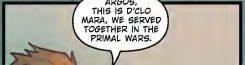


NOT
WHEN I'M
SO GOOD
AT IT.





YOU HAVE
ALREADY MET
MY DAUGHTER,
CARRUS. THIS
IS MY SON,
ARGOS.



ARGOS,
THIS IS D'CLO
MARA, WE SERVED
TOGETHER IN THE
PRIMAL WARS.



A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left is a character with short, spiky blonde hair, a black eyepatch over their right eye, and a purple scarf. On the right is a character with short, spiky blue hair and red eyes, wearing a blue tunic with a grey scarf. They are both looking at each other. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the blonde character and one from the blue-haired character.

IT IS AN
HONOR TO MEET
YOU. MY FATHER
HAS TOLD ME MANY
STORIES OF YOUR
ADVENTURES.

IT IS A
PLEASURE TO
MEET YOU, ARGOS.
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS.
JESS MADISON, COLT
CONNERS, AND
MIKU.



I AM
AT YOUR
SERVICE.

THANK
YOU.





I SEE YOU
ARE A FARGOTH.
THE KINGDOM IS
HONORED WITH
YOUR WISDOM AND
KNOWLEDGE.

THANK
YOU LORD
ARGOS. YOU
ARE TOO
KIND.





HI...
UH COLT...
CONN...UH
HI?





IT
WOULD BE
MY PLEASURE TO
SHOW YOU OUR
KINGDOM.



FRIENDS OF
D'CLO ARE FRIENDS
OF THE CAINUS EMPIRE.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO
STAY AS LONG AS YOU
LIKE AS MY HONORED
GUESTS.

THANK
YOU, KING MARGUS.
AS SOON AS WE GET
A NEW SHIP WE WILL
BE ON OUR WAY. WE
HAVE MAGIC USERS
TO FIND.

AHH, I SEE
YOU ARE STILL
FIGHTING THE GOOD
FIGHT. YOUR ARRIVAL
HERE IS FATE. JOIN
ME FOR DINNER THIS
EVENING. THERE
IS MUCH TO
DISCUSS.





WAS
THAT FURBALL
FLIRTING WITH
YOU?







Hehehe.

WHAT
ARE YOU
LAUGHING
AT?





**WAIT
UP!**







THE OUTLANDS.

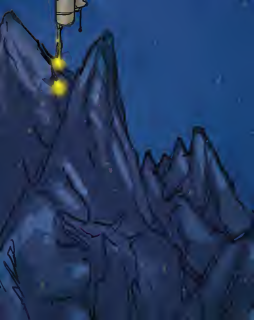
















THIS
PLATFORM WASN'T
BUILT FOR SHIPS
OF THIS SIZE. YOU'LL
HAVE TO FIND FUEL
SOMEWHERE
ELSE.

WE ARE
NOT HERE FOR
FUEL. WE ARE
HERE FOR

INFORMATION.

INFORMATION?
ARE YOU LOST?





WE ARE
LOOKING FOR A
SMALL SHIP THAT
WOULD HAVE COME
THIS WAY IN THE LAST
FEW DAYS. IT HAD
MARKINGS OF THE
DOLGA RUH
PRISON.

IT WAS
PILOTED BY AN
ELVARIAN WITH
THREE OTHERS ON
BOARD. HAVE YOU
SEEN THEM?



I DON'T
REMEMBER ANY
SHIP LIKE THAT. IT'S
NOT MY PLACE TO
SPEAK OF WHO COMES
AND GOES. TO EACH
THEIR OWN IS THE
WAY OF THE
OUTLANDS.





FOR YOUR
SAKE, I HOPE
YOUR *MEMORY*

IMPROVES. KEEBO,
SEE IF YOU CAN JAR
OUR FRIENDS
MEMORY.





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WAR STORIES**

PART 2